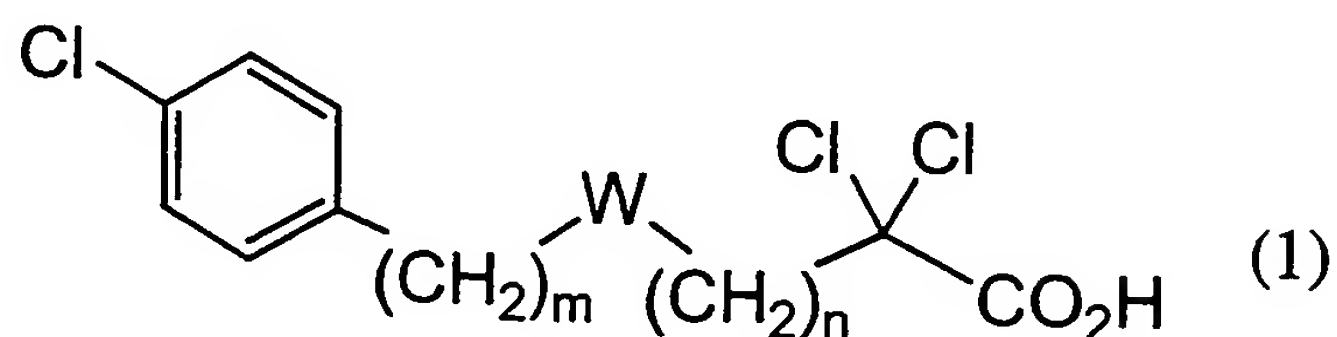


Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Original) A compound represented by the following general formula (1), a salt thereof, or an ester thereof:



wherein m represents a integer of 0 to 4, n represents an integer of 5 to 9, and W represents $-CH(OR)-$ (wherein R represents hydrogen atom or a protective group) or $-C(=O)-$.

2. (Original) The compound according to claim 1 wherein $n+m$ is 9, a salt thereof, or an ester thereof.

3. (Original) A compound selected from the group consisting of 2,2 dichloro-12-(4-chlorophenyl)-10-hydroxydodecanoic acid and 2,2 dichloro-12-(4-chlorophenyl)-10-hydroxydodecanoic acid, a salt thereof or an ester thereof.

4. (Original) A medicine which comprises as an active ingredient a substance selected from the group consisting of a compound represented by the general formula (1) according to claim 1, a physiologically acceptable salt thereof, and a physiologically acceptable ester thereof, wherein m represents an integer of 0 to 4, n represents an integer of 5 to 9, and W represents -CH(OR)- (wherein R represents hydrogen atom or a protective group of hydroxyl group) or -C(=O)-.

5. (Original) The medicine according to claim 4 for preventive and/or therapeutic treatment of a disease selected from the group consisting of hyperlipemia, atherosclerosis, diabetes, complications of diabetes, inflammation, and cardiopathy.

6. (Currently Amended) The medicine according to claim 4 ~~or 5~~ in a form of a pharmaceutical composition which further comprises a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier.

7. (New) The medicine according to claim 5 in a form of a pharmaceutical composition which further comprises a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier.